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Naturalization Laws and Regulations

NATURALIZATION LAWS.

Act of June 29, 1906, as amended by Act of March 4, 1909, as to Sec. 16, 17 and 19 and by Act of June 25, 1910, as to Sec. 13 and by the Act of Congress of March 4, 1913, Creating the Department of Labor.

An Act to provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States, and establishing the Bureau of Naturalization.

[Portion of act creating the Department of Labor.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created an executive department in the Government to be called the Department of Labor, with a Secretary of Labor, who shall be the head thereof, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; * * *

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Sec. 3. That the following-named offices, bureaus, divisions, and branches of the public service now and heretofore under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and all that pertains to the same, known as * * * the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, * * * the Division of Naturalization, * * * be, and the same hereby are, transferred from the Department of Commerce and Labor to the Department of Labor, and the same shall hereafter remain under the jurisdiction and supervision of the last-named department. The Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization is hereby divided into two bureaus, to be known hereafter as the Bureau of Immigration and the Bureau of Naturalization, and the titles Chief Division of Naturalization and Assistant Chief shall be Commissioner of Naturalization and Deputy Commissioner of Naturalization. The Commissioner of Naturalization or, in his absence,

the Deputy Commissioner of Naturalization, shall be the administrative officer in charge of the Bureau of Naturalization and of the administration of the naturalization laws under the immediate direction of the Secretary of Labor, to whom he shall report directly upon all naturalization matters annually and as otherwise required, * * *.

[Act of June 29, 1906, as amended by the acts above referred to.]

That the Bureau of Naturalization, under the direction and control of the Secretary of Labor, shall have charge of all matters concerning the naturalization of aliens. That it shall be the duty of the Bureau of Immigration to provide, for use at the various immigration stations throughout the United States, books of record, wherein the commissioners of immigration shall cause a registry to be made in the case of each alien arriving in the United States from and after the passage of this act of the name, age, occupation, personal description (including height, complexion, color of hair and eyes), the place of birth, the last residence, the intended place of residence in the United States, and the date of arrival of said alien, and, if entered through a port, the name of the vessel in which he comes. And it shall be the duty of said commissioners of immigration to cause to be granted to such alien a certificate of such registry, with the particulars thereof.

Sec. 2. (This section is omitted as it authorized the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to provide the necessary offices in the city of Washington and take the necessary steps for the proper discharge of the duties imposed by the act of June 29, 1906.)

Sec. 3. That exclusive jurisdiction to naturalize aliens as citizens of the United States is hereby conferred upon the following specified courts:

United States circuit and district courts now existing, or which may hereafter be established by Congress in any State, United States district courts for the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Hawaii, and Alaska, the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and the United States courts for the Indian Territory; also all courts of record in any State or Territory now existing, or which may hereafter be created, having a seal, a clerk, and juris-

diction in actions at law or equity, or law and equity, in which the amount in controversy is unlimited.

That the naturalization jurisdiction of all courts herein specified, State, Territorial, and Federal, shall extend only to aliens resident within the respective judicial districts of such courts.

The courts herein specified shall, upon the requisition of the clerks of such courts, be furnished from time to time by the Bureau of Naturalization with such blank forms as may be required in the naturalization of aliens, and all certificates of naturalization shall be consecutively numbered and printed on safety paper furnished by said Bureau.

Sec. 4. That an alien may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States in the following manner and not otherwise:

First. He shall declare on oath before the clerk of any court authorized by this Act to naturalize aliens, or his authorized deputy, in the district in which such alien resides, two years at least prior to his admission, and after he has reached the age of eighteen years, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which the alien may be at the time a citizen or subject. And such declaration shall set forth the name, age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign residence and allegiance, the date of arrival, the name of the vessel, if any, in which he came to the United States, and the present place of residence in the United States of said alien: **Provided, however,** That no alien who, in conformity with the law in force at the date of his declaration, has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States shall be required to renew such declaration; **Provided** further, That any person belonging to the class of persons authorized and qualified under existing law to become a citizen of the United States, who has resided constantly in the United States during a prior of five years next preceding May first, nineteen hundred and ten, who, because of misinformation in regard to his citizenship or the requirements of the law governing the naturalization of citizens

has labored and acted under the impression that he was, or could become a citizen of the United States, and has in good faith exercised the rights or duties of a citizen or intended citizen of the United States because of such wrongful information and belief may, upon making a showing of such facts satisfactory to a court having jurisdiction to issue papers of naturalization to an alien, and the court in its judgment believes that such person has been for a period of more than five years entitled upon proper proceedings to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, receive from the said court a final certificate of naturalization, and the said court may issue such certificate without requiring proof of former declaration by, or on the part of such person of their intention to become a citizen of the United States, but such applicant for naturalization shall comply in all other respects with the law relative to the issuance of final papers of naturalization to aliens.

Second. Not less than two years nor more than seven years after he has made such declaration of intention he shall make and file, in duplicate, a petition in writing, signed by the applicant in his own handwriting and duly verified, in which petition such applicant shall state his full name, his place of residence (by street and number, if possible), his occupation, and, if possible, the date and place of his birth; the place from which he emigrated, and the date and place of his arrival in the United States, and, if he entered through a port, the name of the vessel on which he arrived; the time when and the place and name of the court where he declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States; if he is married he shall state the name of his wife and, if possible, the country of her nativity and her place of residence at the time of filing his petition; and if he has children, the name, date, and place of birth and place of residence of each child living at the time of the filing of his petition: **Provided,** That if he has filed his declaration before the passage of this Act he shall not be required to sign the petition in his own handwriting.

The petition shall set forth that he is not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government, or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government, a polyga-

mist or believer in the practice of polygamy, and that it is his intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly by name to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which he at the time of filing of his petition may be a citizen or subject, and that it is his intention to reside permanently within the United States, and whether or not he has been denied admission as a citizen of the United States, and, if denied, the ground or grounds of such denial, the court or courts in which such decision was rendered, and that the cause for such denial has since been cured or removed, and every fact material to his naturalization and required to be proved upon the final hearing of his application.

The petition shall also be verified by the affidavits of at least two credible witnesses, who are citizens of the United States, and who shall state in their affidavits that they have personally known the applicant to be a resident of the United States for a period of at least five years continuously, and of the State, Territory, or district in which the application is made for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the date of the filing of his petition, and that they each have personal knowledge that the petitioner is a person of good moral character, and that he is in every way qualified, in their opinion, to be admitted as a citizen of the United States.

At the time of filing his petition there shall be filed with the clerk of the court a certificate from the Department of Labor, if the petitioner arrives in the United States after the passage of this Act, stating the date, place, and manner of his arrival in the United States, and the declaration of intention of such petitioner, which certificate and declaration shall be attached to and made a part of said petition.

Third. He shall, before he is admitted to citizenship, declare on oath in open court that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he absolutely and entirely renounces and abjures all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly by name to the prince, potentate, state, or

sovereignty of which he was before a citizen or subject; that he will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

Fourth. It shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the court admitting any alien to citizenship that immediately preceding the date of his application he has resided continuously within the United States five years at least, and within the State or Territory where such court is at the time held one year at least, and that during that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same. In addition to the oath of the applicant, the testimony of at least two witnesses, citizens of the United States, as to the facts of residence, moral character, and attachment to the principles of the Constitution shall be required, and the name, place of residence, and occupation of each witness shall be set forth in the record.

Fifth. In case the alien applying to be admitted to citizenship has borne any hereditary title, or has been of any of the orders of nobility in the kingdom or state from which he came, he shall, in addition to the above requisites, make an express renunciation of his title or order of nobility in the court to which his application is made, and his renunciation shall be recorded in the court.

Sixth. When any alien who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States dies before he is actually naturalized the widow and minor children of such alien may, by complying with the other provisions of this Act, be naturalized without making any declaration of intention.

Sec. 5. That the clerk of the court shall, immediately after filing the petition, give notice thereof by posting in a public and conspicuous place in his office, or in the building in which his office is situated, under an appropriate heading, the name, nativity, and residence of the alien, the date and place of his arrival in the United States, and the date, as nearly as may be, for the final hearing of his petition, and the names of the witnesses whom the applicant expects to summon in his behalf; and the clerk shall,

if the applicant requests it, issue a subpoena for the witnesses so named by the said applicant to appear upon the day set for the final hearing, but in case such witnesses can not be produced upon the final hearing other witnesses may be summoned.

Sec. 6. That petitions for naturalization may be made and filed during term time or vacation of the court and shall be docketed the same day as filed, but final action thereon shall be had only on stated days, to be fixed by rule of the court, and in no case shall final action be had upon a petition until at least ninety days have elapsed after filing and posting the notice of such petition: **Provided,** That no person shall be naturalized nor shall any certificate of naturalization be issued by any court within thirty days preceding the holding of any general election within its territorial jurisdiction. It shall be lawful, at the time and as a part of the naturalization of any alien, for the court, in its discretion, upon the petition of such alien, to make a decree changing the name of said alien, and his certificate of naturalization shall be issued to him in accordance therewith.

Sec. 7. That no person who disbelieves in or who is opposed to organized government, or who is a member of or affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief in or opposition to organized government, or who advocates or teaches the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States, or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character, or who is a polygamist, shall be naturalized or be made a citizen of the United States.

Sec. 8. That no alien shall hereafter be naturalized or admitted as a citizen of the United States who can not speak the English language: **Provided,** That this requirement shall not apply to aliens who are physically unable to comply therewith, if they are otherwise qualified to become citizens of the United States: **And provided further,** That the requirements of this section shall not apply to any alien who has prior to the passage of this Act declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States in

conformity with the law in force at the date of making such declaration: **Provided further,** That the requirements of section eight shall not apply to aliens who shall hereafter declare their intention to become citizens and who shall make homestead entries upon the public lands of the United States and comply in all respects with the laws providing for homestead entries on such lands.

Sec. 9. That every final hearing upon such petition shall be had in open court before a judge or judges thereof, and every final order which may be made upon such petition shall be under the hand of the court and entered in full upon a record kept for that purpose, and upon such final hearing of such petition the applicant and witnesses shall be examined under oath before the court and in the presence of the court.

Sec. 10. That in case the petitioner has not resided in the State, Territory, or district for a period of five years continuously and immediately preceding the filing of his petition he may establish by two witnesses, both in his petition and at the hearing, the time of his residence within the State, provided that it has been for more than one year, and the remaining portion of his five years' residence within the United States required by law to be established may be proved by the depositions of two or more witnesses who are citizens of the United States, upon notice to the Bureau of Naturalization and the United States attorney for the district in which said witnesses may reside.

Sec. 11. That the United States shall have the right to appear before any court or courts exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings for the purpose of cross-examining the petitioner and the witnesses produced in support of his petition concerning any matter touching or in any way affecting his right to admission to citizenship, and shall have the right to call witnesses, produce evidence, and be heard in opposition to the granting of any petition in naturalization proceedings.

Sec. 12. That it is hereby made the duty of the clerk of each and every court exercising jurisdiction in naturalization matters under the provisions of this Act to keep and file a duplicate of each declaration of intention made before him and to send to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturali-

zation at Washington, within thirty days after the issuance of a certificate of citizenship, a duplicate of such certificate, and to make and keep on file in his office a stub for each certificate so issued by him, whereon shall be entered a memorandum of all the essential facts set forth in such certificate. It shall also be the duty of the clerk of each of said courts to report to the said Bureau, within thirty days after the final hearing and decision of the court, the name of each and every alien who shall be denied naturalization, and to furnish to said Bureau duplicates of all petitions within thirty days after the filing of the same, and certified copies of such other proceedings and orders instituted in or issued out of said court affecting or relating to the naturalization of aliens as may be required from time to time by the said Bureau.

In case any such clerk or officer acting under his direction shall refuse or neglect to comply with any of the foregoing provisions he shall forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of twenty-five dollars in each and every case in which such violation or omission occurs, and the amount of such forfeiture may be recovered by the United States in an action of debt against such clerk.

Clerks of courts having and exercising jurisdiction in naturalization matters shall be responsible for all blank certificates of citizenship received by them from time to time from the Bureau of Naturalization, and shall account for the same to the said Bureau whenever required so to do by such Bureau. No certificate of citizenship received by any such clerk which may be defaced or injured in such manner as to prevent its use as herein provided shall in any case be destroyed, but such certificate shall be returned to the said Bureau; and in case any such clerk shall fail to return or properly account for any certificate furnished by the said Bureau, as herein provided, he shall be liable to the United States in the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt, for each and every certificate not properly accounted for or returned.

Sec. 13. That the clerk of each and every court exercising jurisdiction in naturalization cases shall charge, collect, and account for the following fees in each proceeding:

For receiving and filing a declaration of intention and issuing a duplicate thereof, one dollar.

For making, filing, and docketing the petition of an alien for admission as a citizen of the United States and for the final hearing thereon, two dollars; and for entering the final order and the issuance of the certificate of citizenship thereunder, if granted, two dollars.

The clerk of any court collecting such fees is hereby authorized to retain one-half of the fees collected by him in such naturalization proceeding; the remaining one-half of the naturalization fees in each case collected by such clerks, respectively, shall be accounted for in their quarterly accounts, which they are hereby required to render the Bureau of Naturalization, and paid over to such Bureau within thirty days from the close of each quarter in each and every fiscal year, and the moneys so received shall be paid over to the disbursing clerk of the Department of Labor, who shall thereupon deposit them in the Treasury of the United States, rendering an account therefor quarterly to the Auditor for the State and other Departments, and the said disbursing clerk shall be held responsible under his bond for said fees so received.

In addition to the fees herein required, the petitioner shall, upon the filing of his petition to become a citizen of the United States, deposit with and pay to the clerk of the court a sum of money sufficient to cover the expenses of subpoenaing and paying the legal fees of any witnesses for whom he may request a subpoena, and upon the final discharge of such witnesses they shall receive, if they demand the same from the clerk, the customary and usual witness fees from the moneys which the petitioner shall have paid to such clerk for such purpose, and the residue, if any, shall be returned by the clerk to the petitioner: **Provided**, That the clerks of courts exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings, shall be permitted to retain one-half of the fees in any fiscal year up to the sum of three thousand dollars, and that all fees received by such clerks in naturalization proceedings in excess of such amount shall be accounted for and paid over to said Bureau as in case of other fees to which the United States may be entitled under the provisions of this Act. The clerks of the various courts

exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings shall pay all additional clerical force that may be required in performing the duties imposed by this Act upon the clerks of courts from fees received by such clerks in naturalization proceedings. And in case the clerk of any court exercising naturalization jurisdiction collects fees in excess of the sum of six thousand dollars in any fiscal year, the Secretary of Labor may allow salaries, for naturalization purposes only, to pay for clerical assistance, to be selected and employed by that clerk, additional to the clerical force, for which clerks of courts are required by this section to pay from fees received by such clerks in naturalization proceedings, if in the opinion of said Secretary, the naturalization business of such clerk warrants further additional assistance; **Provided,** That in no event shall the whole amount allowed the clerk of a court and his assistants exceed the one-half of the gross receipts of the office of said clerk from naturalization fees during such fiscal year; **Provided further,** That when, at the close of any fiscal year, the business of such clerk of court indicates in the opinion of the Secretary of Labor that the naturalization fees for the succeeding fiscal year will exceed six thousand dollars, the Secretary of Labor may authorize the continuance of the allowance of salaries for the additional clerical assistance herein provided for, and employed on the last day of the fiscal year until such time as the remittances indicate, in the opinion of such Secretary, that the fees for the then current fiscal year will not be sufficient to allow the additional clerical assistance authorized by this Act.

That payment for the additional clerical assistance herein authorized shall be in the manner and under such regulations as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe.

Sec. 14. That the declarations of intention and the petitions for naturalization shall be bound in chronological order in separate volumes, indexed, consecutively numbered, and made part of the records of the court. Each certificate of naturalization issued shall bear upon its face, in a place prepared therefor, the volume number and page number of the petition whereon such certificate was issued,

and the volume number and page number of the stub of such certificate.

Sec. 15. That it shall be the duty of the United States district attorneys for the respective districts, upon affidavit showing good cause therefor, to institute proceedings in any court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens in the judicial district in which the naturalized citizen may reside at the time of bringing the suit, for the purpose of setting aside and canceling the certificate of citizenship on the ground of fraud or on the ground that such certificate of citizenship was illegally procured. In any such proceedings the party holding the certificate of citizenship alleged to have been fraudulently or illegally procured shall have sixty days personal notice in which to make answer to the petition of the United States; and if the holder of such certificate be absent from the United States or from the district in which he last had his residence, such notice shall be given by publication in the manner provided for the service of summons by publication or upon absentees by the laws of the State or the place where such suit is brought.

If any alien who shall have secured a certificate of citizenship under the provisions of this Act shall, within five years after the issuance of such certificate, return to the country of his nativity, or go to any other foreign country, and take permanent residence therein, it shall be considered prima facie evidence of a lack of intention on the part of such alien to become a permanent citizen of the United States at the time of filing his application for citizenship, and, in the absence of countervailing evidence, it shall be sufficient in the proper proceeding to authorize the cancellation of his certificate of citizenship as fraudulent, and the diplomatic and consular officers of the United States in foreign countries shall from time to time, through the Department of State, furnish the Department of Justice with the names of those within their respective jurisdictions who have such certificates of citizenship and who have taken permanent residence in the country of their nativity, or in any other foreign country, and such statments, duly certified, shall be admissable in evidence in all courts in proceedings to cancel certificates of citizenship.

Whenever any certificate of citizenship shall be set aside

or canceled, as herein provided, the court in which such judgment or decree is rendered shall make an order canceling such certificate of citizenship and shall send a certified copy of such order to the Bureau of Naturalization; and in case such certificate was not originally issued by the court making such order it shall direct the clerk of the court to transmit a copy of such order and judgment to the court out of which such certificate of citizenship shall have been originally issued. And it shall thereupon be the duty of the clerk of the court receiving such certified copy of the order and judgment of the court to enter the same of record and to cancel such original certificate of citizenship upon the records and to notify the Bureau of Naturalization of such cancellation.

The provisions of this section shall apply not only to certificates of citizenship issued under the provisions of this Act, but to all certificates of citizenship which may have been issued heretofore by any court exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings under prior laws.

Sec. 16. Repealed by Sec. 341, Penal Laws.

Sec. 17. Repealed by Sec. 341, Penal Laws.

Sec. 18. That it is hereby made a felony for any clerk or other person to issue or be a party to the issuance of a certificate of citizenship contrary to the provisions of this Act, except upon a final order under the hand of a court having jurisdiction to make such order, and upon conviction thereof such clerk or other person shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years and by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 19. Repealed by Sec. 341, Penal Laws.

Sec. 20. That any clerk or other officer of a court having power under this Act to naturalize aliens, who willfully neglects to render true accounts of moneys received by him for naturalization proceedings or who willfully neglects to pay over any balance of such moneys due to the United States within thirty days after said payment shall become due and demand therefor has been made and refused, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement of the public moneys, and shall be punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

Sec. 21. That it shall be unlawful for any clerk of any court or his authorized deputy or assistant exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings to demand, charge, collect, or receive any other or additional fees or moneys in naturalization proceedings save the fees and moneys herein specified; and a violation of any of the provisions of this section or any part thereof is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 22. That the clerk of any court exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings, or any person acting under authority of this Act, who shall knowingly certify that a petitioner, affiant, or witness named in an affidavit, petition, or certificate of citizenship, or other paper or writing required to be executed under the provisions of this Act, personally appeared before him and was sworn thereto, or acknowledged the execution thereof or signed the same, when in fact such petitioner, affiant, or witness did not personally appear before him, or was not sworn thereto, or did not execute the same, or did not acknowledge the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not to exceed five years.

Sec. 23. That any person who knowingly procures naturalization in violation of the provisions of this Act shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or shall be imprisoned not more than five years, or both, and upon conviction the court in which such conviction is had shall thereupon adjudge and declare the final order admitting such person to citizenship void. Jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the courts having jurisdiction of the trial of such offense to make such adjudication. Any person who knowingly aids, advises, or encourages any person not entitled thereto to apply for or to secure naturalization, or to file the preliminary papers declaring an intent to become a citizen of the United States, or who in any naturalization proceeding knowingly procures or gives false testimony as to any material fact, or who knowingly makes an affidavit false as to any material fact required to be proved in such proceeding, shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Sec. 24. That no person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any crime arising under the provisions of this Act unless the indictment is found or the information is filed within five years next after the commission of such crime.

Sec. 25. That for the purpose of the prosecution of all crimes and offenses against the naturalization laws of the United States which may have been committed prior to the date when this Act shall go into effect, the existing naturalization laws shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 26. That sections twenty-one hundred and sixty-five, twenty-one hundred and sixty-seven, twenty-one hundred and sixty-eight, twenty-one hundred and seventy-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America, and section thirty-nine of chapter one thousand and twelve of the Statutes at Large of the United States of America for the year nineteen hundred and three, and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 27. That substantially the following forms shall be used in the proceedings to which they relate:

Declaration of Intention.

(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof.)
...., ss:

I, ..., aged ..... years, occupation ....., do declare on oath (affirm) that my personal description is: Color ....., complexion ....., height ....., weight ....., color of hair ....., color of eyes....., other visible distinctive marks.....; I was born in ..... on the ..... day of ....., anno Domini .....; I now reside at .....; I emigrated to the United States of America from ..... on the vessel.....; my last foreign residence was ..... It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to....., of which I am now a citizen (subject); I arrived at the (port) of ....., in the State (Territory or District) of ..... on or about the .....day of ..... anno Domini.....; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good

faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein. So help me God.

(Original signature of declarant) ....

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this..... ..... day of....., anno Domini.....;

[L. S.]

....,

(Official character of attestor.)

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION.

.....Court of.....

In the matter of the petition of.....to be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

To the.....Court:

The Petition of.....respectfully shows:

First. My full name is ....

Second. My place of residence is number....., ...street, city of....., State (Territory or District) of.....

Third. My occupation is .....

Fourth. I was born on the ..... day of ....., 18...., at.....

Fifth. I emigrated to the United States from....., on or about the ..... day of ....., 1....., and arrived at the port of....., in the United States, on the vessel .....

Sixth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the ..... day of ....., 1..... at ....., in the.....court of.....

Seventh. I am ..... married. My wife's name is..... ..... She was born in ..... and now resides at..... I have.....child....., and the name, date, and place of birth and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: .....; .....; .....

Eighth. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to

any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to ....., of which at this time I am a citizen (or subject), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Ninth. I am ..... able to speak the English language.

Tenth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for a term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since....., anno Domini....., and in the State (Territory or District) of ..... for one year at least next preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since.....day of....., anno Domini .....

Eleventh. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the .....court of ..... at ....., and the said petition was denied by the said court for the following reasons and causes, to-wit, ..., and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Dated.....

(Signature of petitioner).....

...., ss.

....., being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above entitled proceeding; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of ....., anno Domini.....

(L. S.) .....

Clerk of the.....Court

Affidavit of Witnesses.

..... Court of .....

In the matter of the petition of .... to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

...., ss:

...., occupation ....., residing at ....., and ...., occupation ....., residing at ....., each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known ...., the petitioner above mentioned, to be a resident of the United States for a period of at least five years continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, and of the State (Territory or District) in which the above-entitled application is made for a period of ..... years immediately preceding the date of filing his petition; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that he is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted as a citizen of the United States.

....

....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ....., nineteen hundred and .....

[L. S.]

....,

(Official character of attestor.)

Certificate of Naturalization.

Number .....

Petition, volume ....., page .....

Stub, volume ....., page .....

(Signature of holder) ....

Description of holder: Age, ...; height, ...; color, ...; complexion, ...; color of eyes, ...; color of hair, ...; visible distinguishing marks, ... Name, age, and place of residence of wife, ..., ..., ... Name, ages, and places of residence of minor children, ..., ..., ...; ....., ..., ...; ....., ..., ..., ...

...., ss:

Be it remembered, that at a ..... term of the .....

court of ....., held at ..... on the .....day of ....., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ....., ..., who previous to his (her) naturalization was a citizen or subject of ....., at present residing at number .... street, ... city (town), ... State (Territory or District), having applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America pursuant to law, and the court having found that the petitioner had resided continuously within the United States for at least five years and in this State for one year immediately preceding the date of the hearing of his (her) petition, and that said petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the law in relation thereto, and that ....he was entitled to be so admitted, it was thereupon ordered by the said court that ....he be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of said court is hereunto affixed on the ..... day of ....., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ..... and of our independence the .....

[L. S.] ....,
(Official character of attestor.)

Stub of Certificate of Naturalization.

No. of certificate, ...
Name ....; age, ...
Declaration of intention, volume ....., page .....
Petition, volume ....., page .....
Name, age and place of residence of wife.....
..... Names, ages, and places of residence of minor children, ..., ..., ...; ....., ..., ..., ..., ..., ..., ..., ..., ..., ..., ..., ...

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Date of order, volume ....., page .....
(Signature of holder) ....

Sec. 28. That the Secretary of Labor shall have power to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for properly carrying into execution the various provisions of this Act. Certified copies of all papers, documents, certificates, and records required to be used, filed,

recorded, or kept under any and all of the provisions of this Act shall be admitted in evidence equally with the originals in any and all proceedings under this Act and in all cases in which the originals thereof might be admissible as evidence.

Sec. 29. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act there is hereby appropriated the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, which appropriation shall be in full for the objects hereby expressed until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seven; and the provisions of section thirty-six hundred and seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be applicable in any way to this appropriation.

Sec. 30. That all the applicable provisions of the naturalization laws of the United States shall apply to and be held to authorize the admission to citizenship of all persons not citizens who owe permanent allegiance to the United States, and who may become residents of any State or organized Territory of the United States, with the following modifications: The applicant shall not be required to renounce allegiance to any foreign sovereignty; he shall make his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States at least two years prior to his admission; and residence within the jurisdiction of the United States, owing such permanent allegiance, shall be regarded as residence within the United States within the meaning of the five years' residence clause of the existing law.

Sec. 31. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after ninety days from the date of its passage: **Provided**, That sections one, two, twenty-eight, and twenty-nine shall go into effect from and after the passage of this Act.

Approved, June 29, 1906.

ACT OF FEBRUARY 24, 1911.

An Act providing for the naturalization of the wife and minor children of insane aliens making homestead entries under the land laws of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when any alien, who has declared his intention to become

a citizen of the United States, becomes insane before he is actually naturalized, and his wife shall thereafter make a homestead entry under the land laws of the United States, she and their minor children may, by complying with the other provisions of the naturalization laws, be naturalized without making any declaration of intention.

Approved, February 24, 1911.

[In regard to the acquisition of citizenship by other means than naturalization, see sections 1992 to 1995 inclusive, of the United States Revised Statutes.]

UNITED STATES REVISED STATUTES.
CITIZENSHIP, TITLE XXV.

Citizenship of women by marriage.

Sec. 1994. Any woman who is now or may hereafter be married to a citizen of the United States, and who might herself be lawfully naturalized, shall be deemed a citizen.

NATURALIZATION, TITLE XXX.

Honorably discharged soldiers exempt from certain formalities.

Sec. 2166. Any alien, of the age of twenty-one years and upward, who has enlisted, or may enlist, in the armies of the United States, either the regular or the volunteer forces, and has been, or may be hereafter, honorably discharged, shall be admitted to become a citizen of the United States, upon his petition, without any previous declaration of his intention to become such; and he shall not be required to prove more than one year's residence within the United States previous to his application to become such citizen; and the court admitting such alien shall, in addition to such proof of residence and good moral character, as now provided by law, be satisfied by competent proof of such person's having been honorably discharged from the service of the United States.

Aliens of African nativity and descent.

Sec. 2169. **(As amended, 1875).**—The provisions of this title shall apply to aliens being free white persons, and to aliens of African nativity and to persons of African descent.

Five years' residence required.

Sec. 2170. No alien shall be admitted to become a citizen who has not for the continued term of five years next preceding his admission resided within the United States.

Naturalization to alien enemies prohibited.

Sec. 2171. No alien who is a native citizen or subject, or a denizen of any country, state, or sovereignty with which the United States are at war, at the time of his application, shall be then admitted to become a citizen of the United States; but persons resident within the United States, or the Territories thereof, on the eighteenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, who had before that day made a declaration, according to law, of their intention to become citizens of the United States, or who were on that day entitled to become citizens without making such declaration, may be admitted to become citizens thereof, notwithstanding they were alien enemies at the time and in the manner prescribed by the laws heretofore passed on that subject; nor shall anything herein contained be taken or construed to interfere with or prevent the apprehension and removal, agreeably to law, of any alien enemy at any time previous to the actual naturalization of such alien.

Children of persons naturalized under certain laws to be citizens.

Sec. 2172. The children of persons who have been duly naturalized under any law of the United States, or who, previous to the passing of any law on that subject, by the Government of the United States, may have become citizens of any one of the States, under the laws thereof, being under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the naturalization of their parents shall, if dwelling in the United States, be considered as citizens thereof; and the children of persons who now are, or have been, citizens of the United States, shall, though born out of the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, be considered as citizens thereof; but no person hertofore proscribed by any State, or who has been legally convicted of having joined the army of Great Britain during the Revolutionary War, shall be admitted to become a citizen without the consent of the Legislature of the State in which such person was proscribed.

Alien seamen of merchant vessels.

Sec. 2174. Every seaman, being a foreigner, who declares his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States in any competent court, and shall have served three years on board of a merchant-vessel of the United States subsequent to the date of such declaration, may, on his application to any competent court, and the production of his certificate of discharge and good conduct during that time, together with the certificate of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, be admitted a citizen of the United States; and every seaman, being a foreigner, shall, after his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, and after he shall have served such three years, be deemed a citizen of the United States for the purpose of manning and serving on board any merchant-vessel of the United States, anything to the contrary in any act of Congress notwithstanding; but such seaman shall, for all purposes of protection as an American citizen, be deemed such, after the filing of his declaration of intention to become such citizen.

TWENTY-SECOND STATUTES AT LARGE, PAGE 61.

[Act of May 6, 1882, chap. 126, sec. 14, 22 Stat. 61.]

Naturalization of Chinese prohibited.

Sec. 14. That hereafter no State court or court of the United States shall admit Chinese to citizenship; and all laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STATUTES AT LARGE, PAGE 124.

[Act of July 26th, 1894, chap. 165, 28 Stat. 124.]

Aliens honorably discharged from service in Navy or Marine Corps.

Any alien of the age of twenty-one years and upward who has enlisted or may enlist in the United States Navy or Marine Corps, and has served or may hereafter serve five consecutive years in the United States Navy or one enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, and has been or may hereafter be honorably discharged, shall be admitted to become a citizen of the United States upon his petition, without any previous declaration of his intention to become such; and the court admitting such alien shall, in addition to proof of good moral character, be satisfied by competent

proof of such person's service in and honorable discharge from the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZATION.

[Stat. 1905-6, Part I, p. 630.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That naturalization certificates issued after the Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and three, entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," went into effect, which fail to show that the courts issuing said certificates complied with the requirements of section thirty-nine of said Act, but which were otherwise lawfully issued, are hereby declared to be as valid as though said certificates complied with said section: **Provided,** That in all such cases applications shall be made for new naturalization certificates, and when the same are granted, upon compliance with the provisions of said Act of nineteen hundred and three, they shall relate back to the defective certificates, and citizenship shall be deemed to have been perfected at the date of the defective certificate.

Sec. 2. That all the records relating to naturalization, all declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States, and all certificates of naturalization filed, recorded, or issued prior to the time when this Act takes effect in or from the criminal court of Cook County, Illinois, shall for all purposes be deemed to be and to have been made, filed, recorded, or issued by a court with jurisdiction to naturalize aliens, but shall not be by this Act further validated or legalized.

Approved, June 29,1906.

THIRTY-FOURTH STATUTES AT LARGE, PAGE 1228.

[Act of March 2, 1907.]

An act in reference to the expatriation of citizens and their protection abroad.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State shall be authorized, in his dis-

cretion, to issue passports to persons not citizens of the United States as follows: Where any person has made a declaration of intention to become such a citizen as provided by law and has resided in the United States for three years a passport may be issued to him entitling him to the protection of the Government in any foreign country: **Provided,** That such passport shall not be valid for more than six months and shall not be renewed, and that such passport shall not entitle the holder to the protection of this Government in the country of which he was a citizen prior to making such declaration of intention.

Sec. 2. That any American citizen shall be deemed to have expatriated himself when he has been naturalized in any foreign state in conformity with its laws, or when he has taken an oath of allegiance to any foreign state.

When any naturalized citizen shall have resided for two years in the foreign state from which he came, or for five years in any other foreign state it shall be presumed that he has ceased to be an American citizen, and the place of his general abode shall be deemed his place of residence during said years: **Provided, however,** That such presumption may be overcome on the presentation of satisfactory evidence to a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States, under such rules and regulations as the Department of State may prescribe: **And provided, also,** That no American citizen shall be allowed to expatriate himself when this country is at war.

Sec. 3. That any American woman who marries a foreigner shall take the nationality of her husband. At the termination of the marital relation she may resume her American citizenship, if abroad, by registering as an American citizen within one year with a consul of the United States, or by returning to reside in the United States, or, if residing in the United States at the termination of the marital relation, by continuing to reside therein.

Sec. 4. That any foreign woman who acquires American citizenship by marriage to an American shall be assumed to retain the same after the termination of the marital relation if she continue to reside in the United States, unless she makes formal renunciation thereof before a court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens, or if she resides abroad

she may retain her citizenship by registering as such before a United States consul within one year after the termination of such marital relation.

Sec. 5. That a child born without the United States of alien parents shall be deemed a citizen of the United States by virtue of the naturalization of or resumption of American citizenship by the parent: **Provided,** That such naturalization or resumption takes place during the minority of such child: **And provided further,** That the citizenship of such minor child shall begin at the time such minor child begins to reside permanently in the United States.

Sec. 6. That all children born outside the limits of the United States who are citizens thereof in accordance with the provisions of section nineteen hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States and who continue to reside outside the United States shall, in order to receive the protection of this Government, be required upon reaching the age of eighteen years to record at an American consulate their intention to become residents and remain citizens of the United States and shall be further required to take the oath of allegiance to the United States upon attaining their majority.

Sec. 7. That duplicates of any evidence, registration, or other acts required by this Act shall be filed with the Department of State for record.

Aliens Honorably Discharged from Service in Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue-Cutter Service, or Naval Auxiliary Service.

[Act of June 30, 1914.]

Any alien of the age of twenty-one years and upward who may, under existing law, become a citizen of the United States, who has served or may hereafter serve for one enlistment of not less than four years in the United States Navy or Marine Corps, and who has received therefrom an honorable discharge or an ordinary discharge, with recommendation for reenlistment, or who has completed four years in the Revenue-Cutter Service and received therefrom an honorable discharge or an ordinary discharge with recommendation for reenlistment, or who has completed four years of honorable service in the naval auxiliary service, shall be admitted to become a citizen of the United States upon his

petition without any previous declaration of his intention to become such, and without proof of residence on shore, and the court admitting such alien shall, in addition to proof of good moral character, be satisfied by competent proof from naval or revenue-cutter sources of such service: **Provided,** That an honorable discharge from the Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue-Cutter Service, or the naval auxiliary service, or an ordinary discharge with recommendation for reenlistment, shall be accepted as proof of good moral character: **Provided further,** That any court which now has or may hereafter be given jurisdiction to naturalize aliens as citizens of the United States may immediately naturalize any alien applying under and furnishing the proof prescribed by the foregoing provisions. (U. S. Stat., 2d sess. 63d Cong., pt. 1, p. 395.)

Citizenship of Children Born Abroad of Citizens.

[Act of February 10, 1855, amending act of April 14, 1802.]

Sec. 1993. All children heretofore born or hereafter born out of the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, whose fathers were or may be at the time of their birth citizens thereof, are declared to be citizens of the United States; but the rights of citizenship shall not descend to children whose fathers never resided in the United States. (R. S. 1878, p. 350; 1 Comp. Stat. 1901, p. 1268.)

Residence in Hawaii for Naturalization Purposes.

[Act of April 30,1900.]

Sec. 100. That for the purpose of naturalization under the laws of the United States residence in the Hawaiian Islands prior to the taking effect of this act shall be deemed equivalent to residence in the United States and in the Territory of Hawaii, and the requirements of a previous declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce former allegiance shall not apply to persons who have resided in said islands at least five years prior to the taking effect of this act; but all other provisions of the laws of the United States relating to naturalization shall, so far as applicable, apply to persons in the said islands. (31 Stat. L., p. 161.)

PENAL LAWS.

Taken from Penal Laws codified and enacted, March 4, 1909.

[Chap. 321, 35 Stat. L. 1080.]

Sec. 74. Whoever shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or shall knowingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting any certificate of citizenship, with intent to use the same, or with the intent that the same may be used by some other person, shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

Sec. 75. Whoever shall engrave, or cause or procure to be engraved, or assist in engraving, any plate in the likeness of any plate designed for the printing of a certificate of citizenship; or whoever shall sell any such plate, or shall bring into the United States from any foreign place any such plate, except under the direction of the Secretary of Labor, or other proper officer; or whoever shall have in his control, custody, or possession any metallic plate engraved after the similitude of any plate from which any such certificate has been printed, with intent to use or to suffer such plate to be used in forging or counterfeiting any such certificate or any part thereof; or whoever shall print, photograph, or in any manner cause to be printed, photographed, made, or executed, any print or impression in the likeness of any such certificate, or any part thereof; or whoever shall sell any such certificate, or shall bring the same into the United States from any foreign place, except by direction of some proper officer of the United States; or whoever shall have in his possession a distinctive paper which has been adopted by the proper officer of the United States for the printing of such certificate, with intent unlawfully to use the same, shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

Sec. 76. Whoever, when applying to be admitted a citizen, or when appearing as a witness for any such person, shall knowingly personate any person other than himself, or shall falsely appear in the name of a deceased person, or in an assumed or fictitious name; or whoever shall false-

ly make, forge, or counterfeit any oath, notice, affidavit, certificate, order, record, signature, or other instrument, paper, or proceeding required or authorized by any law relating to or providing for the naturalization of aliens; or whoever shall utter, sell, dispose of, or shall use as true or genuine, for any unlawful purpose, any false, forged, antedated, or counterfeit oath, notice, certificate, order, record, signature, instrument, paper, or proceeding above specified; or whoever shall sell or dispose of to any person other than the person for whom it was originally issued any certificate of citizenship or certificate showing any person to be admitted a citizen, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Sec. 77. Whoever shall use or attempt to use, or shall aid, assist, or participate in the use of any certificate of citizenship, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeit, or antedated, or knowing the same to have been procured by fraud or otherwise unlawfully obtained; or whoever, without lawful excuse, shall knowingly possess any false, forged, antedated, or counterfeit certificate of citizenship purporting to have been issued under any law of the United States relating to naturalization, knowing such certificate to be false, forged, antedated, or counterfeit, with the intent unlawfully to use the same; or whoever shall obtain, accept, or receive any certificate of citizenship, knowing the same to have been procured by fraud or by the use or means of any false name or statement given or made with the intent to procure, or to aid in procuring, the issuance of such certificate, or knowing the same to have been fraudulently altered or antedated; or whoever, without lawful excuse, shall have in his possession any blank certificate of citizenship provided by the Bureau of Naturalization with the intent unlawfully to use the same; or whoever, after having been admitted to be a citizen, shall, on oath or by affidavit, knowingly deny that he has been so admitted, with the intent to evade or avoid any duty or liability imposed or required by law, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Sec. 78. Whoever shall in any manner use, for the pur-

pose of registering as a voter, or as evidence of a right to vote, or otherwise unlawfully, any order, certificate of citizenship, or certificate, judgment, or exemplification, showing any person to be admitted to be a citizen, whether heretofore or hereafter issued or made, knowing that such order, certificate, judgment, or exemplification has been unlawfully issued or made; or whoever shall unlawfully use, or attempt to use, any such order or certificate, issued to or in the name of any other person, or in a fictitious name, or the name of a deceased person, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Sec. 79. Whoever shall knowingly use any certificate of naturalization heretofore or which hereafter may be granted by any court, which has been or may be procured through fraud or by false evidence, or which has been or may hereafter be issued by the clerk or any other officer of the court without any appearance and hearing of the applicant in court, and without lawful authority; or whoever, for any fraudulent purpose whatever, shall falsely represent himself to be a citizen of the United States without having been duly admitted to citizenship, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

Sec. 80. Whoever, in any proceeding under or by virtue of any law relating to the naturalization of aliens, shall knowingly swear falsely in any case where an oath is made or affidavit taken, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

Sec. 81. The provisions of the five sections last preceding shall apply to all proceedings had or taken, or attempted to be had or taken, before any court in which any proceedings for naturalization may be commenced or attempted to be commenced, and whether such court was vested by law with jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings or not.

By the terms of section 341 of the Act of March 4, 1909, the foregoing sections specifically repealed sections 5395, 5424, 5425, 5426, 5428, and 5429 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and sections 16, 17, and 19 of the Act of June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. L., pt. 1, ch. 3592, p. 596).

NATURALIZATION REGULATIONS.

These Regulations supersede those of August 20, 1913.

Department of Labor,
Office of the Secretary.
Washington, December 19, 1914.

1. Since September 26, 1906, naturalization jurisdiction of State courts is confined to such as have "a seal, a clerk, and jurisdiction in actions at law or equity, or law and equity, in which the amount in controversy is unlimited."

2. Any alien who prior to September 27, 1906, has declared his intention in conformity with the law in force at the date of his declaration, shall not be required to renew such declaration.

3. Aliens who lawfully declared their intention on and after June 29, 1906, and prior to September 27, 1906, must comply with all of the requirements of the naturalization act of June 29, 1906, in petitioning for naturalization, with the exception that those arriving prior to June 29, 1906, are not required to furnish certificates of arrival.

Aliens who declared their intention prior to June 29, 1906, in accordance with the requirements of law, must comply with all of the requirements of the naturalization act of June 29, 1906, in petitioning for naturalization, except that they will not be required to file certificates of arrival, sign their petitions in their own handwriting, or to speak the English language.

4. Any alien who declares his intention after June 29, 1906, and files his petition thereon, must sign said petition in his own handwriting and must be able to speak the English language, unless excepted by the provisos in section eight of the naturalization act. If an alien is physically unable to speak, that fact should be stated in his petition in lieu of the statment, "I am able to speak the English language." Aliens who arrive in the United States before reaching 18 years of age can not obtain citizenship without making declaration of intention, which may be made in a court having naturalization jurisdiction over the place of their established residence after reaching that age.

5. Blank forms "Facts for declaration of intention"

(Form 2213) and "Facts for petition for naturalization" (Form 2214) are provided clerks of courts for the preliminary use of persons making declaration of intention or petition for naturalization, and may be taken away from the office of the clerk in order that the information called for may be obtained in full. When either of said forms is returned to the clerk he shall examine it to see that all the information required is furnished before proceeding to make out a declaration or petition.

In all cases where aliens have arrived in this country after June 29, 1906, they should be given the form, "Application for certificate of arrival," Form 2226, at the time they desire to file petitions for naturalization, instead of Form 2214. This application has attached to it the facts required in a petition for naturalization. The application and other blanks on the form should all be carefully filled out by the alien and mailed with his triplicate declaration of intention to the Commissioner of Naturalization to enable him to obtain and transmit the required certificate of arrival (Form 526 or 526-a) to the clerk of court for filing with the petition. The clerk of the court should not commence the execution of the petition until he has received the certificate of arrival prescribed by this regulation. The certificate of arrival will contain its serial number in the upper right hand corner, which the clerk of the court will insert in the petition for naturalization at the place indicated.

6. Declarations of intention will be furnished in bound volumes (Form 2202, 50 leaves; 2202A, 150 leaves, or 2202B, 250 leaves) as a court record, varied in number of pages according to the requirements of the court. In addition to the bound records, the duplicate and triplicate declarations of intention (Form 2203) will be furnished as loose sheets attached together and perforated, so that they can be readily torn apart, the triplicate to be given to the declarant and the duplicate to be forwarded to the Bureau of Naturalization. Each bound record will contain an index in addition to the original declarations of intention, and will be paged in consecutive order. At the time the original declarations of intention in the bound volumes are filled out and signed the names of the declarants must be entered in the index. The declarations shall be numbered consecutively, beginning

with No. 1 in volume 1 and continuing the sequence from volume to volume.

7. The originals of the petitions for naturalization will also be furnished in bound volumes (Form 2204, 100 leaves, or 2204B, 250 leaves), paged in consecutive order and provided with an index. The duplicate petitions (Form 2205) will be furnished as loose sheets, and when executed must be forwarded to the Bureau of Naturalization by registered mail, as provided in Rule 22 of these regulations. The original petitions for naturalization in the bound volumes must be filled out and signed, the names of the petitioners entered in the index, and retained as part of the permanent records of the office in which filed. Petitions shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with No. 1 in volume 1 and continuing in order in the following volumes. The first petition in volume 2 must not be numbered "1," but shall receive the number following that given the last petition in volume 1.

8. Certificates of naturalization (Form 2207) will be supplied in bound volumes consisting of original and duplicate certificates and stubs. Each original and duplicate certificate and the stub will be given the same serial number, the stub to the original certificate bearing a page number in addition to its serial number. The original certificate will be given to the petitioner in accordance with the final order of the court, and the duplicate shall be forwarded to the Bureau of Naturalization by registered mail, as provided in Rule 22 of these regulations, the stub to the original constituting a part of the permanent records of the court. The bound volumes, containing the declarations, petitions, and certificates, constitute the "records" and dockets required by sections 6 and 14 of the naturalization act. The Department requires no other dockets to be kept.

9. No certificate of naturalization shall be issued to a petitioner until after the judge of the court granting naturalization has signed the order to that effect.

10. Clerks of courts will be furnished with requisition blanks (Form 2201) on which are listed, by number and title, all blank forms, including record and order books, to be used in the naturalization of aliens, and these forms must be obtained exclusively from the Bureau of Naturali-

zation, none other being official. Manila envelopes or jackets (Form 2211) will be furnished to clerks in which to place the triplicate declaration of intention or the original certificate of naturalization before delivering it to the person making the declaration or to the person naturalized.

11. The first supply of blank forms will be furnished upon the written application of the clerks of courts having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens, accompanied, in the case of clerks of State courts, by authoritative evidence (preferably the certificate of the attorney-general of the State) that the courts of which such clerks are officers have "a seal, a clerk, and jurisdiction in actions at law or equity, or law and equity, in which the amount in controversy is unlimited." Subsequent supplies of such blank forms will be furnished the clerks of courts having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens upon receipt by the Bureau of Naturalization of requisitions made on Form 2201.

12. Clerks of courts when first making application to the Bureau of Naturalization for the supplies of the blank forms required in the naturalization of aliens shall state whether any declarations of intention have been filed or orders of naturalization made by their courts since September 26, 1906. They should also state the number of certificates of naturalization issued by the court since June 1, 1903, if such certificates fail to comply with the requirements of the immigration act of March 3, 1903.

13. Where the same court holds sessions at different places, whether a clerk is appointed at each of said places or the one clerk is required to transact the business of the court wherever it may sit, separate supplies shall be kept, in order to comply with the requirements of section 14 of the naturalization act, which provides that the bound declarations of intention and of petitions for naturalization shall be in chronological order.

14. In every case in which the name of a naturalized alien is changed by order of court, as provided in section 6, the clerk of the court is required to report both the original and the new name of the said person to the Bureau of Naturalization when transmitting to it the duplicate of the certificate of naturalization of the alien whose name is changed.

15. On the first working day of each month the clerk shall inform the Bureau of Naturalization on Form 2209 of the date of posting notice on Form 2206, as required by section 5, and of the day, month, and year, as near as may be, for the final hearing of each and every petition for naturalization filed and posted during the preceding month. These reports on Form 2209 must specify only the petitions filed in the month to which the report relates and no others. In continued cases notice on Form 2206 must be amended to show the postponed date and remain posted until final action is had.

16. On the first working day of each month following the sitting of a court in naturalization cases the clerk of such court shall forward to the Bureau of Naturalization on Form 2210 a list containing the name of each and every alien who, during such sitting of court, has been denied naturalization and shall state the reason or reasons for such denial.

17. Application for lost or destroyed naturalization papers issued prior to September 27, 1906, should be disposed of in accordance with the rules in force in the court at the time of the issuance of the papers.

The following rule applies exclusively to naturalization papers issued since September 26, 1906.

Applications for the issuance of declarations of intention (Form 2203) or certificates of naturalization (Form 2207), in lieu of declarations of intention or certificates of naturalization claimed to have ben lost or destroyed, shall be submitted in affidavit form to the clerk of the court by which any such declarations of intention or certificates of naturalization were originally issued, and shall contain full information in regard to the lost or destroyed papers, and as to the time, place and circumstances of such alleged loss or destruction. (Form 2225 prepared for this purpose may be obtained from the clerk of any naturalization court.) The clerk shall forward to the Bureau of Naturalization the above mentioned applications, together with such information as he may have bearing upon the merits thereof, for investigation, and no such paper so applied for shall be issued until the Bureau of Naturalization reports the results of its investigation as to the merits of the application.

In every case in which the clerk of the court issues, in accordance with the foregoing, a declaration of intention (Form 2224) or a certificate of naturalization (Form 2207), upon proof of the loss or destruction of the original, he shall make an entry on the original declaration showing the issuance of a certified copy, or on the stubs of both the new and the old certificates of naturalization, showing the issuance of a new certificate, giving the numbers of the new and old certificates, and shall immediately thereafter forward to the Bureau of Naturalization the duplicate of any such paper so issued.

One certified copy of declaration of intention (Form 2215) or certificate of naturalization (Form 2216) may be furnished by the clerk of the issuing court under his hand and the seal of the court for the use only of the person concerned to establish his citizenship status in connection with any entry under the public land laws of the United States. When issued these forms must be made in duplicate, one to be given to the person applying therefor and the duplicate forwarded with other naturalization papers on the first working day of the succeeding month to the Bureau of Naturalization. Unless the applicant presents to the clerk his original declaration or certificate for comparison, these forms can under no conditions be issued. In case the alien makes a second land entry he may support his second entry by describing the first land claim with which his declaration or certificate is filed.

The fees to be collected for the issuance of each of the copies of declarations of intention and of certificates of naturalization described in this regulation, and the disposal to be made of such fees when collected, will be determined in accordance with the law and the rules in force in the respective courts. No part of these fees is required to be forwarded to this Department. Clerks are, however, required to make quarterly reports, on Form 2217, on the first working day of January, April, July, and October, of the number of such papers issued during the preceding quarter.

18. Original declarations of intention, or certificates of naturalization, issued subsequent to September 26, 1906, and surrendered to the General Land Office in support of entries

upon public land, may be returned upon proper application. In cases of declarations of intention the clerk will forward the application to the Bureau of Naturalization, accompanied by a certified copy on Form 2215. In cases of certificates, the application will be accompanied by a personal description of the applicant. In both instances, a description of the land should be included, giving the section, township, and range, together with the date and place of making the entry. The originals will then be procured from the General Land Office and returned to the clerk of the court.

19. For recording the affidavits of substituted witnesses under section 5, of the Act of June 29, 1906, blank forms (Form 2218) have been prepared as pasters to be affixed to the backs of petitions in the bound volume, following the "Order of court admitting petitioner." Copies of this form may be procured by the usual requisition (Form 2201). Do not send copies of this form to the Bureau of Naturalization.

20. Aliens making declaration of intention, or filing petitions for naturalization, must sign their names in full and without abbreviation in the appropriate places on the various blank forms, and the entries of their names by the clerk must correspond in every particular. Where a name contains an initial which is used only to distinguish one individual from another with the same surname that fact should be noted on the paper.

21. Clerks of courts shall not receive declarations of intention (Form 2202) or file petitions for naturalization (Form 2204) from other aliens than white persons and persons of African nativity or of African descent.

Any alien, other than a Chinese person, who claims that he is a white person in the sense in which that term is used in section 2169, R. S., U. S., should be allowed, if he insists upon it after an explanation is made showing him the risk of denial, to file his declaration or his petition, as the case may be, leaving the issue to be determined by the court.

Declaration should not be received from, nor petitions for naturalization filed by, persons not residing in the judicial district within which the court is held.

22. On the first working day of each and every month,

and not otherwise, clerks of courts shall forward to the Bureau of Naturalization duplicates of all declarations of intention, petitions for naturalization, and certificates of naturalization filed or issued during the preceding month. Duplicate petitions for naturalization and duplicate certificates of naturalization shall be forwarded by registered mail; and duplicate declarations of intention as well as other papers may be inclosed therewith provided the combined weight of the documents does not exceed 4 pounds, otherwise they shall be forwarded separately by unregistered mail. The same course should be followed in forwarding naturalization papers to the Bureau which have been returned for correction. Each clerk making a shipment of naturalization papers other than papers returned for correction is required to forward therewith a report on Form 2208 showing the number of such papers filed or issued during the month reported. Where petitions for naturalization have been filed the report on Form 2209 showing the approximate dates of final hearings shall also be inclosed with such shipment. When no naturalization business has been transacted during any month it is unnecessary to render monthly reports to that effect, but report should be made as prescribed in Rule 23.

23. All fees provided for in section 13 of the act of June 29, 1906, shall be accounted for on the "Abstract of collections" (Form 2212) within thirty days after the close of each quarter of a fiscal year. These quarters end September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30, respectively. One-half of all moneys so collected, up to $6,000, and all in excess thereof, shall be remitted to the Commissioner of Naturalization, Bureau of Naturalization, with said quarterly account, such remittance to be made payable to the order of the "Secretary of Labor," preferably by draft. The Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that section 13 requires the collection of the final fee of $2 whether the certificate of naturalization be issued or denied.

In cases where no naturalization business is transacted during any quarter Form 2212 shall be forwarded as aforesaid with the words "No transactions" noted thereon.

24. (a) Where a petition for naturalization is filed under section 2166, R. S., U. S., exempting honorably discharged

soldiers from the necessity for filing declarations of intention and proving more than one year of residence in the United States in addition to good moral character, insert in lieu of the information regarding declaration of intention: "Petitioner is an honorably discharged soldier and applies for citizenship under section 2166, R. S., U. S. He enlisted in the (name of organization) on the (day, month, and year)." (Complete the petition according to paragraph (d) of this rule.)

(b) Where an alien files his petition for naturalization under the act of July 26, 1894, and claims exemption from the necessity for filing a declaration of intention on account of service in the United States Navy or Marine Corps, the words having reference to declaration of intention in the petition should be struck through and in lieu thereof the following inserted: "Petitioner is an honorably discharged member of the Navy (or member of the Marine Corps, if that be the case) and applies for citizenship under the act of July 26, 1894. He enlisted on the (day, month, and year) and was discharged on the (day, month, and year)." Each enlistment of the applicant and his discharge therefrom should be shown. (Complete the petition according to paragraph (d) of this rule.)

(c) Where an alien files petition for naturalization under the act of June 30, 1914, the words having reference to declaration of intention in the petition should be struck through, and in lieu thereof the following should be inserted: "Petitioner is an honorably discharged member of the (Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue-Cutter Service, or naval auxiliary service, as the case may be) and applies for citizenship under the act of June 30, 1914. He enlisted in the (state the branch of the service) on the (day, month, and year) and was discharged (day, month, and year)." Each enlistment of the applicant should be shown. The petition should be completed according to paragraph (d) of this rule.

(d) In executing petitions under the three foregoing exemptions, that portion of the last paragraph preceding the signature of the petitioner relating to the declaration of intention and certificate of arrival should be struck through when the alien arrived on or prior to June 29, 1906. When the arrival was after that date, only the words "my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and"

should be struck through. The statement following the signature of the petitioner to the body of the petition should be struck through entirely in cases of aliens arriving on or before June 29, 1906, but for those arriving after that date only the words "declaration of intention" should be struck through, and in both cases the entry in lieu thereof should be made "Honorable discharge certificate of petitioner was exhibited to me this ——— day of ———." An appropriate note should also be entered upon the stub of the certificate issued to said applicant.

(e) Certain aliens are permitted to petition for naturalization under the terms of the act of June 25, 1910, without proof of previous declaration of intention. Clerks of courts should state in lieu of the information regarding the declaration of intention "Filed under provisions of section 3 of the Act of Congress approved June 25, 1910," and the statement following the first signature of the petitioner should be changed so as to read "Declaration of intention omitted under the terms of the act of June 25, 1910." Affidavit, Form 2227, setting forth particulars as to the reason for exemption claimed must be signed and sworn to by the petitioner before the clerk of the court or his authorized deputy. In the event this form is not presented by an officer in the naturalization service it will be forwarded to the clerk of the court for use in any case to which it relates, upon examination of the duplicate petition in the bureau.

(f) Petitions for naturalization under the sixth subdivision of section 4 may be legally filed by children of a deceased declarant only after such children have attained their majority and who were minors at the time of the death of the father. Where a petition is filed by a child under the foregoing conditions, the fifth assertion should be altered to read: "My father declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States on the ——— day of ———, A. D. ———, and died on the ——— day of ———, A. D. ———."

(g) Where a petition for naturalization is filed under this subdivision by the widow of a deceased declarant, the fifth assertion should be altered to correspond to the foregoing in relation to the child, with the exception that the word "husband" should be inserted instead of the word "father."

(h) In the last two cases referred to the words in the para-

graph immediately preceding petitioner's first signature should be altered to show that the father's or husband's declaration (as the case may be), or a certified copy thereof, is attached to the original petition, and the statement of the clerk of the court immediately below the first signature of the petitioner should be changed to show the facts. If the petitioner arrived in the United States prior to June 29, 1906, the words in statement immediately preceding the first signature of petitioner and thereafter having reference to the certificate of arrival should also be struck through. If the petitioner arrived in the United States after June 29, 1906, certificate of arrival must be obtained in accordance with Rule 5 of these regulations, and the words in the two statements above referred to should remain unaltered with the exception that the last statement should include the number of the certificate of arrival appearing in the upper right hand corner thereof.

(i) Where a petition for naturalization is filed by the widow of an alien, based upon her own declaration of intention, the date of her husband's demise should be shown in the fifth assertion.

(k) Naturalization papers may be legally filed by any unmarried woman who is otherwise qualified, or the widow of a foreign-born person not naturalized, but not by a woman during the existence of the marital relation. Notation of the facts in each case should be made upon the face of each paper before it is issued.

25. So far as practicable the clerks of courts having jurisdiction under the provisions of the naturalization laws will be furnished, upon requisition therefor on Form 2201, with appropriately addressed envelopes for communicating with the Bureau. When not using such envelopes, however, all communications, in addition to the other necessary address, should be plainly marked "Bureau of Naturalization."

26. Clerks of courts having jurisdiction to naturalize under the provisions of the act of June 29, 1906, are requested, in case the foregoing rules and regulations fail to remove from their minds doubt as to the proper course of action in any case, to write to the Commissioner of Naturalization, Bureau of Naturalization, for instructions before taking such action. (Signed) W. B. WILSON, Secretary.

QUESTIONS USUALLY ASKED ON EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR NATURALIZATION.

Question: What is our form of government?
Answer: A republican form of government.

Q. Who is the ruler in the United States?
A. The people.
Q. What is the highest law in the United States?
A. The Constitution.
Q. Have you ever read the Constitution?
A. I have.
Q. By whom was the Constitution made?
A. A Constitutional Congress was called in 1787 after the war of the Revolution had been concluded, a war that took place between the 13 original colonies of the United States and the Kingdom of Great Britain, in which the original thirteen United Colonies gained their independence from Great Britain. This made a Constitution that was accepted by these colonies.
Q. Has the Constitution ever been amended?
A. It has. Seventeen amendments have been made to the Constitution. To amend the Constitution the amendment must be passed by a two-thirds majority of both houses of Congress, and must then be ratified by three-fourths of the existing States of the United States.
Q. How is the Government divided?
A. The Government is divided into three parts, the Legislative or Congress, the Executive or the President, and the Judicial, the United States Courts.
Q. How are the general laws of the United States made?
A. By Congress.
Q. Where does Congress meet?
A. At Washington.
Q. What laws can Congress make?
A. Only laws that are not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States.
Q. How is Congress constituted?
A. Congress is composed of two houses—the Senate and the House of Representatives.
Q. What are the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives called?

A. Senators and Congressmen.

Q. How are the Senators elected?

A. Each State has two Senators and they are elected by the People of each State, directly.

Q. How are the Congressmen elected?

A. Each State has the number of Congressmen proportionate to its population, each State being divided into the number of Congressional Districts to which its population entitles it, and each District elects a Congressman by vote of the people.

Q. How long do Senators serve?

A. For six years.

Q. How long do Congressmen serve?

A. For two years.

Q. Who makes the Congressional Districts?

A. They are made by Congress, giving each State as many Congressmen as its population entitles it, and the Congressional Districts are then fixed by the Legislature of the State.

Q. How many Congressmen are there?

A. 435, one for about every 211,000 inhabitants.

Q. After Congress passes a law, what is necessary for it to go into effect?

A. The President must either sign the law, or if he does not sign it, it becomes a law ten days after its passage, if Congress is still in session, unless the President in the meantime should veto it.

Q. What is meant by the President vetoing a bill?

A. Under the Constitution, after Congress passes a law, the President can either approve it or disapprove it, and this disapproval is called a veto. The law can not then go into effect if the President should veto it unless the law is passed over his veto by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress.

Q. Who elects the President and in what manner?

A. The President is elected indirectly by the people, as follows: Every four years there are elected in each State according to the population of the State, Presidential electors, and these electors from all of the States vote for a President and a Vice-President. The man receiving the largest number of votes for President is elected President, and the same in the case of the Vice-President. The people do not

vote directly for President. These electors are men who are nominated by the various political parties to be elected as electors, and although they are not required by law to vote for any particular man, yet as they are nominated by different political parties, they always vote for the man who has been nominated for President by their political party.

Q. For how long is the President elected, and what are his duties?

A. The President is elected for four years, and is eligible for re-election. He is Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and it is his principal duty to see that the Constitution and laws of the United States are enforced. With the consent of the Senate, he appoints all the United States Judges, foreign Ambassadors, Secretaries of Departments (called his Cabinet) and Commissions all the officers of the Army and Navy. He performs such other duties as are imposed upon him by Congress.

Q. How is the Vice-President elected?

A. He is elected in the same manner as the President.

Q. What are the duties of the Vice-President?

A. He presides over the Senate, and in case of the death of the President, he becomes President.

Q. What is the Judicial Branch of the Government?

A. It consists of the United States Courts.

Q. What are these?

A. They consist of the Supreme Court of the United States, and of such inferior Courts as Congress may constitute.

Q. What is the Supreme Court of the United States?

A. It consists of one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, who are appointed by the President with the approval of the United States Senate, and the Supreme Court has the power to decide whether laws passed by Congress are in accordance with the Constitution or not, and if the Supreme Court decides that the laws passed by Congress are unconstitutional, then such laws have no effect.

Q. What other United States Courts are there besides the Supreme Court?

A. District Courts, Circuit Courts and Circuit Courts of Appeal, between the Circuit Courts and the United States Supreme Court, and the Judges of these Courts are appointed

by the President with the advice of the Senate, and are generally known as Federal Judges.

Q. Does Congress make the laws for the States?

A. It does only in such cases as are allowed by the Constitution of the United States, but each State has a Legislature which is modeled for each State like Congress is modeled for the United States.

Q. What are the Legislatures of the various States?

A. The Legislature of each State consists of the State Senate and an Assembly. Each State is divided, according to the laws of the State, into a certain number of Senatorial Districts and Assembly Districts, and the State Senators and Assemblymen who are members of these two branches of the Legislature, are elected directly by the people of the State.

Q. For what term are the State Senators and Assemblymen elected?

A. The State Senators are elected for four years and the Assemblymen for two years.

Q. Into how many branches are State governments divided?

A. Into the same number of branches as the United States Government is divided, the Executive or Governor, the Legislative or the State Legislature, and the Judicial or the Supreme Court of the State, and such other inferior courts as the Legislature may constitute.

Q. How is the Governor elected?

A. The Governor of a State is elected by the votes of the people.

Q. Do States have Constitutions?

A. Yes. Each State has a Constitution of its own, but not conflicting with the Constitution of the United States.

Q. What are the duties of the Governor?

A. His duties are to see that the laws of the State are enforced, and he has the right to veto any law that is passed by the Legislature. If he vetoes the laws passed by the Legislature, they must be re-enacted by a two-thirds majority of both houses of the Legislature to go into effect. He is Commander-in-Chief of the State Militia.

Q. How are cities governed in the United States?

A. Some are governed under laws passed by the Legis-

lature, or by Charter granted to the Cities. Some cities in the United States are governed by a Mayor and the City Council, and some are governed by Commissioners.

Q. How are these elected?

A. By the votes of the people residing in the city.

Q. Are all the people living in a City, County or State allowed to vote?

A. No, only those who have lived in a City, County or State for the time required by the laws of the State, and who have registered to vote as required by the laws of the State.

Q. Into what are States divided?

A. Each State is divided into the number of Counties convenient for its local government.

Q. Who governs in the various Counties?

A. The general local rules of government in each County are called Ordinances and are passed by the Board of Supervisors who are elected by the people.

Q. How are laws for a city enacted?

A. The City Council or City Commissioners, as the case may be, pass the laws for the City that are in accordance with its Charter and with the State laws. In some cities the members of the City Council are called Councilmen and in others they are called Aldermen. Some cities have two branches of the Council called the Select Council and the Common Council according to the laws or Charters provided for such Cities.

Q. How are Charters for Cities obtained?

A. As a rule City Charters are adopted by a vote of the people qualified to vote in each City, and are then passed by the Legislature of the State.

The Declaration of Independence

In Congress, July 4th, 1776.

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed, by their creator, with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present king of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all

having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation, till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature—a right inestimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the repository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly for opposing, with manly firmness, his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused, for a long time after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large, for their exercise, the state remaining, in the mean time, exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers, to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of, and superior to, the civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states:

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury:

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries, so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these colonies:

For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering, fundamentally, the forms of our government:

For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here by declaring us out of his protection, and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, and tryanny already begun, with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow-citizens, taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country, to become

the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections among us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms; our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them, from time to time, of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They, too, have been deaf to the voice of justice and consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the Britsh crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent States, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliance, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent States may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence,

we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress.

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

Attested, CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.
Josiah Bartlett,
William Whipple,
Matthew Thornton.

RHODE ISLAND, &c.
Stephen Hopkins,
William Ellery.

NEW YORK.
William Floyd,
Phillip Livingston,
Francis Lewis,
Lewis Morris.

PENNSYLVANIA.
Robert Morris,
Benjamin Rush,
Benjamin Franklin,
John Morton,
George Clymer,
James Smith,
George Taylor,
James Wilson,
George Ross.

VIRGINIA.
George Wythe,
Richard Henry Lee,
Thomas Jefferson,
Benjamin Harrison,
Thomas Nelson, Jr.,
Francis Lightfoot Lee,
Carter Braxton.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
Edward Rutledge,
Thomas Haywood, Jr.,
Thomas Lynch, Jr.,
Arthur Middleton.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY.
Samuel Adams,
John Adams,
Robert Treat Paine,
Eldridge Gerry.

CONNECTICUT.
Roger Sherman,
Samuel Huntington,
William Williams,
Oliver Wolcott.

NEW JERSEY.
Richard Stockton,
John Witherspoon,
Francis Hopkinson,
John Hart,
Abraham Clark.

DELAWARE.
Caeser Rodney,
George Read,
Thomas M'Kean

MARYLAND.
Samuel Chase,
William Paca,
Thomas Stone,
Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

NORTH CAROLINA.
William Hooper,
Joseph Hewes,
John Penn.

GEORGIA.
Button Gwinnett,
Lyman Hall,
George Walton.

Constitution of the United States

Preamble.

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Legislative Department.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1.

1. All legislative powers herein granted, shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2.

1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several States; and the electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature.

2. No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

3. Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made with-

in three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each State shall have at least one representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to choose three; Massachusetts, eight; Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, one; Connecticut, five; New York, six; New Jersey, four; Pennsylvania, eight; Delaware, one; Maryland, six; Virginia, ten; North Carolina, five; South Carolina, five; and Georgia, three.

4. When vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

5. The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other officers, and shall have the sole power of impeachment.

Section 3.

1. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the legislature thereof for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.
(See Amendment XVII.)

2. Immediately after they shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one third may be choosen every second year; and if vacancies happen, by resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the legislature of any State, the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

3. No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

4. The Vice-President of the United States shall be

President of the Senate, but shall have no vote unless they be equally divided.

5. The Senate shall choose their other officers, and also a President **pro tempore** in the absence of the Vice-President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the United States.

6. The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

7. Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States; but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment, according to law.

Section 4.

1. The times, places, and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time, by law, make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators.

2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year; and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 5.

1. Each house shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each house may provide.

2. Each house may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member.

3. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such

parts as may in their judgment require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the members of either house on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

4. Neither house, during the session of Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be sitting.

Section 6.

1. The Senators and Representatives shall recieve a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the treasury of the United States. They shall, in all cases, except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either house they shall not be questioned in any other place.

2. No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased, during such time; and no person holding any office under the United States shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office.

Section 7.

1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments, as on other bills.

2. Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States; if he approve, he shall sign it; but if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that house in which it shall have originated; who shall enter the objections at large on their journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds of that house shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other house, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds of that house, it shall become

a law. But in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each house respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

3. Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of adjournment), shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him; or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill.

Section 8.

The Congress shall have power:

2. To borrow money on the credit of the United States. to pay the debts, and provide for the common defence and general welare of the United States; but all duties, imposts, and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

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3. To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes:

4. To establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States:

5. To coin money, regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin, and to fix the standard of weights and measures:

6. To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States:

7. To establish post-offices and post-roads:

8. To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times, to authors and inventors, the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries:

9. To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court:

10. To define and punish piracies and felonies committed

on the high seas, and offences against the law of nations.

11. To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water:

12. To raise and support armies; but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years:

13. To provide and maintain a navy:

14. To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces:

15. To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions:

16. To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such parts of them as may be employed in the service of the United States; reserving to the States respectively the appointment of the officers and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress.

17. To exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such district (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of government of the United States; and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings:— and

18. To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

Section 9.

1. The immigration or importation of such persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation not exceeding ten dollars for each person.

2. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not

be suspended, unless when, in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it.

3. No bill of attainder or **ex post facto** law shall be passed.

4. No capitation or other direct tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration hereinbefore directed to be taken.

5. No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State. No preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one State over those of another; nor shall vessels bound to or from one State be obliged to enter, clear, or pay duties in another.

6. No money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law; and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

7. No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States; and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state.

Section 10.

1. No State shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, **ex post facto** law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts; or grant any title of nobility.

2. No State shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection laws; and the net produce of all duties and imposts laid by any State on imports or exports, shall be for the use of the treasury of the United States, and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of Congress.

3. No State shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty on tonnage, keep troops or ships of war in time of peace, enter into any agreement or compact with another State, or with a foreign power, or engage in war, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay.

ARTICLE II.

The Executive Department

Section 1.

1. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years; and, together with the Vice-President, chosen for the same term, be elected as follows:

2. Each State shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in Congress; but no Senator or Representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector.

3. The electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by ballot for two persons, of whom one at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a list of all the persons voted for, and of the number of votes for each; which list they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. The person having the greatest number of votes shall be President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such a majority, and have an equal number of votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately choose, by ballot, one of them for President; and if no person have a majority, then, from the five highest on the list, the said House shall, in like manner, choose a President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by States, the representation from each State having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the States, and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice. In every case after the choice of the President, the person having the greatest number of votes of the electors shall be Vice-President. But if there should remain two or more who

have equal votes, the Senate shall choose from them, by ballot, the Vice-President.

4. The Congress may determine the time of choosing the electors, and the day on which they shall give their votes, which day shall be the same throughout the United States.

5. No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President: neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States.

6. In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President; and the Congress may, by law, provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability, both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall then act as President; and such officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

7. The President shall, at stated times, receive for his services a compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected; and he shall not receive within that period any other emolument from the United States, or any of them.

8. Before he enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States; and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Section 2.

1. The President shall be Commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several States, when called into the actual service of the United States. He may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments, upon any subject relating to the duties of

their respective offices; and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

2. He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall appoint ambassadors and other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by law. But the Congress may, by law, vest the appointment of such inferior officers as they think proper, in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments.

3. The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions, which expire at the end of their next session.

Section 3

1. He shall, from time to time, give to Congress information of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both houses, or either of them; and in case of disagreement between them, with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper. He shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed; and shall commission all officers of the United States.

Section 4.

1. The President, Vice-President, and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE III.

The Judicial Department.

Section 1.

1. The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as Congress may, from time to time, ordain and establish. The judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior; and shall, at stated times, receive for their services a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Section 2.

1. The judicial power shall extend to all cases in law and equity arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States, and treaties made, or which shall be made, under their authority; to all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls; to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; to controversies to which the United States shall be a party; to controversies between two or more States; between a State and citizens of another State; between citizens of different States; between citizens of the same State claiming lands under grants of different States; and between a State, or the citizens thereof, and foreign states, citizens or subjects.

2. In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls, and those in which a State shall be a party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction. In all the other cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as Congress shall make.

3. The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the trial shall be at such place or places as Congress may by law have directed.

Section 3.

1. Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies,

giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason, unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.

2. Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of treason; but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture, except during the life of the person attainted.

ARTICLE IV.

Miscellaneous Provisions.

Section 1.

1. Full faith and credit shall be given in each State to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other State; and Congress may, by general laws, prescribe the manner in which such acts, records, and proceedings shall be proved, and the effect thereof.

Section 2.

1. The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States.

2. A person charged in any State with treason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from justice, and be found in another State, shall, on demand of the executive authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having jurisdiction of the crime.

3. No person held to service or labor in one State, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor; but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due.

Section 3.

1. New States may be admitted by Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State, nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the consent of the legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of Congress.

2. Congress shall have power to dispose of, and make all

needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

Section 4.

1. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and, on application of the legislature or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened), against domestic violence.

ARTICLE V.

1. The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution; or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as parts of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress; provided that no amendment which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no State, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

ARTICLE VI.

1. All debts contracted, and engagements entered into, before the adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution as under the Confederation.

2. This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and

the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

3. The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several State legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support the Constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

1. The ratification of the conventions of nine States shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the same.

Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the States present, the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the twelfth. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,
President, and Deputy from Virginia.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE I.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

ARTICLE II.

A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

ARTICLE III.

No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner; nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IV.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonble searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

ARTICLE V.

No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be put twice in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

ARTICLE VI.

In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

ARTICLE VII.

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury

shall be preserved; and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

ARTICLE VIII.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

ARTICLE IX.

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

ARTICLE X.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

ARTICLE XI.

The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign state.

ARTICLE XII.

1. The electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same State with themselves. They shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President; and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each; which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. The person having the greatest number of votes for President shall be the President, if

such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers, not exceeding three, on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But, in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by States, the representation from each State having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the States, and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President, whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.

2. The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list the Senate shall choose the Vice-President. A quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice.

3. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII.

Section 1.

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.

ARTICLE XIV.

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States, and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President or Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

Section 3.

No person shall be a Senator or Representatives in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection

or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each house, remove such disability.

Section 4.

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Section 5.

The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XV.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.

ARTICLE XVI.

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

AMENDMENT XVII.

Amendment to the first paragraph of section 3, article 1, of the constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph two of the same section as relates to the filling of vacancies, as follows: "The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature. When vacancies happen in the representation of any state in the senate, the executive authority of such state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancy; **Provided**, that the legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election, as the legislature may direct. This amendment shall not be so construed to affect the election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the constitution."

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

No.	President	State	Term of Office	By whom Elected
1.	George Washington	Virginia	2 Terms 1789-1797	Whole People
2.	John Adams	Mass.	1 Term 1797-1801	Federalists
3.	Thomas Jefferson	Virginia	2 Terms 1801-1809	Democratic
4.	James Madison	Virginia	2 Terms 1809-1817	Democratic
5.	James Monroe	Virginia	2 Terms 1817-1825	Democratic
6.	John Quincy Adams	Mass.	1 Term 1825-1829	House of Rep.
7.	Andrew Jackson	Tennessee	2 Terms 1829-1837	Democrats
8.	Martin Van Buren	New York	1 Term 1837-1841	Democrats
9.	William H. Harrison	Ohio	1 Month 1841	Whigs
10.	John Tyler	Virginia	3 Yrs. 11 mos. 1841-1845	Whigs
11.	James K. Polk	Tennessee	1 Term 1845-1849	Democrats
12.	Zachary Taylor	Louisiana	1 Year 4 mos. 1849-1850	Whigs
13.	Millard Fillmore	New York	2 Years 8 mos. 1850-1853	Whigs
14.	Franklin Pierce	N. Hampshire	1 Term 1853-1857	Democrats
15.	James Buchanan	Pennsylvania	1 Term 1857-1861	Democrats
16.	Abraham Lincoln	Illinois	1 Term and 6 weeks 1861-1865	Republicans
17.	Andrew Johnson	Tennessee	3 Years 10½ mos. 1865-1869	Republicans
18.	Ulysses S. Grant	Illinois	2 Terms 1869-1877	Republicans
19.	Rutherford B. Hayes	Ohio	1 Term 1877-1881	Republicans
20.	James A. Garfield	Ohio	6 Months 15 days	Republicans
21.	Chester A. Arthur	New York	3 Yrs. 5 mos. 15 days 1881-1885	Republicans
22.	Grover Cleveland	New York	1 Term 1885-1889	Democrats
23.	Benjamin Harrison	Indiana	1 Term 1889-1893	Republicans
24.	Grover Clevland	New York	1893-1897	Democrats
25.	William McKinley	Ohio	2 terms 1897	Republicans
26.	Theodore Roosevelt	New York	1902-1909	Republicans
27.	William H. Taft	Ohio	1909-1913	Republicans
28.	Woodrow Wilson	New Jersey	1913	Democrats

LIST OF PORTS OF ENTRY.

The law and regulations relating to immigration provide that all aliens who enter the United States across the border at any places except those designated by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall be deemed to have entered the country unlawfully.

The following have been designated by him as the border ports of entry:

CANADIAN BORDER PORTS

Eastport, Me.
Calais, Me.
Vanceboro, Me.
Fort Kent, Me.
Fort Fairfield, Me.
Van Buren, Me.
Houlton, Me.
Madawaska, Me.
Lowelltown, Me.
Beechers Falls, N. H.
Island Pond, Vt.
Newport, Vt.
Richford, Vt.
St. Albans, Vt.
Swanton, Vt.
Alburg, Vt.
Rouses Point, N. Y.
Malone, N. Y.
Fort Covington, N.Y.
Nyando, N. Y.
Ogdensburg, N. Y.
Morristown, N. Y.
Clayton, N. Y.
Cape Vincent, N. Y.
Charlotte, N. Y.
Olcott, N. Y.
Lewiston, N. Y.
Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Cleveland, Ohio
Toledo, Ohio
Detroit, Mich.
St. Clair, Mich.
Port Huron, Mich.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
Chicago, Ill.
Duluth, Minn.
Ranier, Minn.
Noyes, Minn.
Warroad, Minn.
Beaudette, Minn.
International Falls, Minn.
Hannah, N. D.
Pembina, N. D.
Neche, N. D.
Walhalla, N. D.
Portal, N. D.
St. John, N. D.
Sweet Grass, Mont.
Gateway, Mont.
Porthill, Ida.
Eastport, Ida.
Marcus, Wash.
Oroville, Wash.
Sumas, Wash.
Blaine, Wash.

MEXICAN BORDER PORTS.

Brownsville, Tex.
Hidalgo, Tex.
Laredo, Tex.
Eagle Pass, Tex.
Del Rio, Tex.
El Paso, Tex.
Douglas, Ariz.
Naco, Ariz.
Nogales, Ariz.
Andrade, Cal.
Calexico, Cal.
Tia Juana, Cal.
Campo, Cal.

STATES COMPRISING THE UNITED STATES.

The Original 13 Colonies.

	Name.	Ratified the Constitution.
1.	Delaware	Dec. 7, 1787
2.	Pennsylvania	Dec. 12, 1787
3.	New Jersey	Dec. 18, 1787
4.	Georgia	Jan. 2, 1788
5.	Connecticut	Jan. 9, 1788
6.	Massachusetts	Feb. 6, 1788
7.	Maryland	Apr. 28, 1788
8.	South Carolina	May 23, 1788
9.	New Hampshire	June 21, 1788
10.	Virginia	June 25, 1788
11.	New York	July 26, 1788
12.	North Carolina	Nov. 21, 1789
13.	Rhode Island	May 29, 1790

Admitted Into the Union.

	Name.	Admitted.		Name.	Admitted.
14.	Vermont	Mar. 4, 1791	31.	California	Sept. 9, 1850
15.	Kentucky	June 1, 1792	32.	Minnesota	May 11, 1858
16.	Tennessee	June 1, 1796	33.	Oregon	Feb. 14, 1859
17.	Ohio	Nov. 29, 1802	34.	Kansas	Jan. 29, 1861
18.	Louisiana	Apr. 30, 1812	35.	W. Virginia	June 19, 1863
19.	Indiana	Dec. 11, 1816	36.	Nevada	Oct. 31, 1864
20.	Mississippi	Dec. 10, 1817	37.	Nebraska	Mar. 1, 1867
21.	Illinois	Dec. 3, 1818	38.	Colorado	Aug. 1, 1876
22.	Alabama	Dec. 14, 1819	39.	N. Dakota	Nov. 3, 1889
23.	Maine	Mar. 15, 1820	40.	S. Dakota	Nov. 3, 1889
24.	Missouri	Aug. 10, 1821	41.	Montana	Nov. 8, 1889
25.	Arkansas	June 15, 1836	42.	Washington	Nov. 11, 1889
26.	Michigan	Jan. 26, 1837	43.	Idaho	July 3, 1890
27.	Florida	Mar. 3, 1845	44.	Wyoming	July 8, 1890
28.	Texas	Dec. 29, 1845	45.	Utah	Jan. 4, 1896
29.	Iowa	Dec. 28, 1846	46.	Oklahoma	Nov. 16, 1907
30.	Wisconsin	May 29, 1848	47.	New Mexico	Jan. 6, 1912
			48.	Arizona	Feb. 14, 1912

In addition to the above States, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico are Territories and the United States holds the Philippines as a colonial possession.

A Short History of the United States

In 1775, there were in the Eastern portion of the United States thirteen Colonies, occupied by English people, covering land now embraced by the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and adjoining territory afterwards relinquished by them to new states formed since that time. For many years prior to 1775 there was a great deal of dissatisfaction with the tyrannical government of King George of England, who held sovereignty over the American Colonies. The war of the American Revolution began with the Battle of Lexington, near Boston, on April 19, 1775. This war continued for eight years, when Great Britain acknowledged the independence of these thirteen Colonies, who in the meantime, on the 4th day of July, 1776, had adopted the Declaration of Independence. This Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress, composed of delegates from these Colonies who met in Philadelphia. The Fourth of July is the Nation's birthday and the national holiday of the United States. After the Revolution was over, a Constitutional Congress, composed of delegates from the thirteen Colonies, was called in 1786, and adopted the present Constitution of the United States, except the seventeen amendments which have been adopted from time to time since then.

Under this Constitution, George Washington was elected the first President of the United States and was inaugurated April 30th, 1789. He had been, during the Revolutionary War, the Commander-in-Chief of the American forces. At this time the United States had about four million inhabitants. Within the next ten years the State of Vermont was created out of the western part of New Hampshire, Kentucky out of the western portion of Virginia, Tennessee out of the western part of North Carolina, and Ohio was made a state in 1802. Louisiana was purchased in the year 1803 from France and admitted to the Union in 1812.

In 1812 there was another war with Great Britain, which lasted two years. This was caused by England impressing American sea-men. It resulted in a victory for the United States. Between 1812 and 1846 the States of Indiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida and Texas were admitted to the Union. Florida was purchased from Spain in 1819, and Texas was annexed in 1845, after she had declared her independence from Mexico.

The admission of Texas into the United States caused a war with Mexico in 1846 and 1847. The United States was victorious and received, from Mexico, partly as indemnity and partly by purchase, the land which now comprises the States of California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and portions of Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

In 1861 there was a Civil War in the United States between the Northern and Southern States. This was fought over the question of human slavery. The Northern States had no slaves and were called "free states," and the Southern States had slaves and were called "slave states." Both sides wished their principles adopted in the admission of new states that were being created from land which belonged to the United States, lying west of the Mississippi River and known as the "Great West." This war lasted for about four years, and the Northern States were victorious and slavery was forever abolished in the United States by Constitutional Amendment. During this war the great Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States and the greatest General on the Northern side was Ulysses S. Grant, while the greatest General on the Southern side was Robert E. Lee. During the War of the Rebellion the States of West Virginia and Nevada were created and admitted to the Union. From the close of the Civil War to 1896 the States of Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah were admitted to the Union. In 1867 Alaska was purchased from Russia and was made into a Territory.

The United States remained at peace from 1865 until 1898, when the war with Spain took place, while William McKinley was President. As a result of this war, Cuba, over which the war was fought, gained its independence

from Spain and the United States acquired what is now the territory of Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, its only Colonial possessions. In 1898 Hawaii, where a republic had been established by its inhabitants, was, at its own request, annexed to the United States and made into a Territory.

In 1903 one of the nine departments of the Republic of Columbia revolted and declared its independence from Columbia under the name of "The Republic of Panama." In 1904, during the administration of President Theodore Roosevelt, the United States made a treaty with Panama, by which Panama, for ten million dollars, and the protection of the United States, gave to the United States sovereignty, forever, over a strip of land 10 miles wide, across Panama from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. The United States then paid forty millions of dollars to a French company for the unfinished ship canal then on this strip of land and has about finished the canal at an additional cost of over three hundred million dollars. The territories of New Mexico and Arizona were admitted as States in 1912.

A great era of prosperity began in 1876 in the United States, and its wealth, power and population has increased rapidly to the present time. The United States now has a population, in its forty-eight States, of about one hundred million persons. In all parts of the United States education is free, and in some places it is compulsory for the children. There is no established church. Every one has the right to belong to any religion he chooses, or to none, if that best suits him. The United States is a pure democracy, every citizen being the equal, politically and before the law, of every other citizen. There are no titles of nobility in the United States. Women have the same right to vote as men in the States of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California, Arizona, Kansas, Oregon and Illinois. The National political parties, as they now exist in the United States, are the Republican, Democratic, Progressive, Socialist and Prohibition parties.

The United States has been great in the domains of Art and Science, and especially so in inventions. Among the many inventions made by Americans can be mentioned the following: The cotton gin, by Eli Whitney in 1793; the steamboat by Robert Fulton in 1807; the sewing machine

by Elias Howe in 1846; the telegraph by Samuel F. B. Morse in 1837; the electric lamp by Thomas A. Edison; the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell; the reaper by Cyrus McCormick, and the perfected typewriter by several Americans together.

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